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NETWORK ADDRESSING
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LOCALIZING
ACCESS TO NETWORK RESOURCES
IN A COMPUTER NETWORK

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An addressing method and a system for assigning network addresses such that access
to a network resource remains local. This is accomplished by allocating a local network
15   address in favor of a remote network address. A process executing on a processor
makes a request for a network address. A local network address is located in memory
of the processor executing the process. The local network address is assigned, if
available. Otherwise, a remote network address located in the memory of another
processor is assigned. Preferably, the network address request contains information
20   about on which processor the requesting process is running. Using this information, the
present invention is able to select a network address that resides in the local memory of
that processor. The network address allocation system of the present invention includes
a network address allocator that uses the method of the present invention as outlined
above.

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